

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/07/2004

To: Newark

From: Newark

Squad 2/Franklin Township Resident Agency

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 288A-NK-NEW (Pending)

Title: UNSUB(s);
SCHERING-PLOUGH,
UNION, NEW JERSEY - VICTIM
IMPAIRMENT -- DENIAL OF SERVICE ATTACK

Synopsis: Request opening of substantive case file.

Enclosure(s): One (1) 1A envelope containing e-mail messages from Schering Plough providing information regarding open mail relay servers. One (1) 1A envelope containing "whois" lookups for owners of open mail relay servers.


Details: On 01/07/2003 writer was contacted by [REDACTED] SCHERING PLOUGH CORPORATION (SPC), 1095 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey, telephone number [REDACTED] (work), [REDACTED] (cell), or [REDACTED] (Operations Center) regarding a denial of service (DOS) attack against (SPC) which began at approximately 4:00 p.m. on 01/07/2003. [REDACTED] advised several hundred thousand e-mail messages were flooding the e-mail boxes of the SPC's corporate executives. The e-mail messages were in protest of SPC's sponsorship (e.g. advertising during) the FX network television show "THE SHIELD". The DOS is significantly impacting the company's ability to send and receive e-mail communications, as well as the their ability to access the Internet due to the fact that the volume of e-mails is not allowing legitimate computer traffic to traverse their data pipeline.

Based on their review of the incoming e-mail messages, by SPC information technology officials, it originally believed that the communications were originating from the domain AFA.net, aka the AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION in Tupelo, Mississippi. Shortly after SPC blocked this domain at the SPC firewall and at their mail relay host, the domain from which the e-mail messages originated changed. It now appears that the e-mails are originating from the following open relay hosts:

[REDACTED]@mail.yahoo.com

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SPC is also attempting to block the e-mail messages using software which filters the messages based on text specified by the user.

Based on the foregoing it is requested a substantive case file be opened in the captioned matter.